

HARMONY CD REVIEWS:

“Leraine is a wonder – she combines a distinctive sweetness with incredible musical skill (on a wide range of instruments) to provide one of the most rocking kirtan experiences anywhere!”
Benjy Wertheimer of Shantala

“Leraine is one of those unique artists who can do it all... great vocalist, skilled multi-instrumentalist, superb composer. She is a wonderful addition to our genre!! And the combination of Leraine and Shantala is brilliant!!” Guru Ganesha Singh, Snatam Kaur’s Musical Partner & Founder of Spirit Voyage Records

“I LOVE IT! It is really quite exquisite. Great creativity and of course, beautiful sound. I love that you are chanting in English as well. I have heard people asking for this during my travels.. Now I have someone to recommend to them. Thank you.” Desiree Rumbaugh, Certified Anusara Teacher

“As both a professional musician and full-time yoga instructor, I find Leraine Horstmanshoff’s cd, *Harmony* a real treat. *Harmony* is the perfect title for this album, not just because it bears the name of the title track, not because of the impeccable mélange of voices between Leraine and Benji and Heather of the renowned Shantala, but more so because Leraine perfectly harmonizes her soulful sound with an honest conscious devotion, a harmonization that detracts neither from the groove of the music nor its message. Musically, Leraine shows off her unprecedented ability to mix a steady backbeat and powerful vocals with a delicate counterpoint and a refreshing array of instrumentation including guitar, banjo, tabla drums, and wood flute, to name a few. Leraine understands dynamics and space in music which feels to me like the needed pause between phrases, the slow inhalation after a well-structured phrase. With most of this album recorded live, what goes unseen is Leraine’s stellar ability to not only control her own band and the dizzying array of instruments she is playing, often in the same song, but also how she flawlessly and playfully directs her audience, the rest of her orchestra, to add to the music by singing the refrain, which they do, inspired by Leraine, with surprising spirit and heart. The musicality of the album aside, *Harmony* has enough soul in this music to keep your spirit afloat for days. And she does it without any pretension or affect. It feels like it comes straight from the heart. It’s the disk you’ll lose quickly because you will want to loan it to all the people you love. All this is the product of someone who is truly doing what she was born to do. *Harmony* will have you singing along from the first song and repeating the album until the laser burns holes through the disk.”
Scott Moore, Professional Musician and Yoga Instructor

“The release of Leraine's new CD, *Harmony*, produced by Benjy Wertheimer marks a spiritual journey into sweet kirtan magic with her generous vocal range and fluid control. This CD is about community – connecting spirit through the giving and receiving of the mantras through exquisite musical vibration.” Mary Tebbs, Singer-Songwriter